



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING STATE OR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The COVID-19 virus is a worldwide pandemic. As a result, many states of emergency have been declared, including: a February 14, 2020 declaration of a Local Health Emergency by the San Diego County Health Officer (which was subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2020); a March 4, 2020 declaration of a State of Emergency by California State Governor Gavin Newsom; a March 13, 2020 declaration of a National State of Emergency by the President of the United States; and a March 13, 2020 declaration of a Local State of Emergency by the City of Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services (which was subsequently ratified and adopted by City Council on March 17, 2020).

The City of Chula Vista is eligible to receive public assistance funding to pay part of the costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Assistance may include funding for emergency protective measures, public services, and the requisition of necessary equipment/services (including PPE). The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) ensures state and federal support is provided to eligible applicants in an efficient and timely manner in order to assist in recovery from a major disaster or emergency, including a pandemic.

In order to receive funding, the City of Chula Vista must submit an application package to Cal OES that includes appropriate supporting documentation. Cal OES requires the City to have designated agents authorized by the City to coordinate with state and federal agencies for the purposes of financial assistance as it relates to disasters.

To meet state requirements, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Emergency Services Coordinator have been identified as appropriate individuals to serve as designated agents authorized to operate on behalf of the City of Chula Vista for financial assistance from state and federal agencies as it relates to disasters.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

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Per the Chula Vista municipal code, the City Manager serves as the Director of Emergency Services and the Assistant City Manager has been appointed to serve as the Assistant Director of Emergency Services during the current emergency and/or disaster, specifically the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the City's Emergency Services Coordinator is responsible for preparing, overseeing, and tracking reimbursement claims to state and federal agencies. Therefore, it has been determined that these positions should also function as the City's authorized agents to coordinate on behalf of the City for financial assistance from state and federal agencies.

This resolution and Cal OES Form 130 [Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies] will identify the City Manager (also as the Director of Emergency Services), Assistant City Manager (also as the Assistant Director of Emergency Services), and the Emergency Services Coordinator as the City of Chula Vista's Authorized Agents.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has determined that the action contemplated by this item is ministerial, secretarial, manual, or clerical in nature and, as such, does not require the City Council members to make or participate in making a

governmental decision, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 2, Section 18702.4(a). Consequently, this item does not present a conflict under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.). Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current year fiscal impact for adopting this resolution.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for adopting this resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cal OES 130 [Designation of Applicant's Agency Resolution for Non-State Agencies]

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